

**In the Claims**

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is enclosed in brackets "[]" and inserting the language which is underlined "\_\_\_\_\_".

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1. (Previously Presented) An umbrella comprising:

a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head; a shaft lower end;

a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end; and

an illumination means affixed to said handle section.

2. (Original) The umbrella as described in Claim 1, wherein said illumination means is housed within said handle section.

3. (Original) The umbrella as described in Claim 1, wherein said illumination means comprises an incandescent lamp located on the interior of said handle to provide bright illumination to make the umbrella user more visible to approaching motorists.

4. (Original) The umbrella as described in Claim 1, further comprising a translucent, neon-colored tube circumscribing the shaft of the umbrella.

5. (Amended) The umbrella of claim 3, wherein said handle section holds and contains a

battery assembly at an upper end of [[the]] said handle assembly.

6. (Original) The umbrella of claim 5, wherein said handle section further comprises:
- a cavity inside the handle section;
  - a series of threads formed along a lower rim of the handle; and
  - a screw cap with matching, receiving threads to mate with said threads formed along the lower rim of the handle such as to removably contain the batteries.

7. (Previously presented) An umbrella comprising:
- a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head; a shaft lower end;
  - a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end;
  - an illumination means housed within said handle section; and
  - a neon-colored tube circumscribing said shaft of the umbrella.
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